Subarnarekha Project

780. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Economic Times of the 6th November, 1992 regarding stalling the aid for the Subarnarekha Project of Orissa due to dispute between Orissa and Bihar;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) what is the dispute between the two States on the Project; and

(d) the detailed steps taken to sort out the matter between the two State Governments to get timely aid ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. There is no dispute between the States of Bihar and Orissa on the issue of sharing Subarnarekha waters as it was resolved in 1978 by a tripartite agreement entered into among the State Government of Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal. The Project proposals of Subarnarekha Multi-purpose Project (Bihar) Phase-II and Subarnarekha Irrigation Project (Orissa) have been posed to the World Bank for assistance. The World Bank has put certain pre-Controls for project appraisal, *inter alia*, the affective implementation of Resettlement and Rehabilitation on both the States for compliance by *them*.

Coconut Plantation in Rajasthan

748. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers of Udaipur zone in Rajasthan are happy to see coconut trees being grown there since the coconut trees are grown only the coastal areas; and

(b) what are the other trees in Rajasthan which are ideally suited for the growing of coconuts and what efforts have been made in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor ?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) It is reported that coconut trees grown by some farmers have come into bearing recently in Udaipur zone in Rajasthan.

(b) The other areas suitable for growing coconut are Banswara and Chitorgarh in Udaipur Division. The State Department of Horticulture have distributed 3000 coconut seedlings among the interested farmers of these areas.

Milk supply in the Country

749. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH :
SHRI MD. SALIM :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware about the World Bank's observation that delicensing of the dairy industry in India last year has jeopardised liquid milk supply in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has circulated a model Cooperative Act to the States for adoption with a view to give necessary autonomy to the cooperatives in their functioning and operations.

उत्तर प्रदेश में किसानों के गन्ने तथा गेहूं का उचित मूल्य

750. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्र सरकार ने उत्तर प्रदेश में किसानों को गेहूं एवं गन्ने की बिक्री के लिए "उचित समय पर उचित मूल्य" दिलवाने के लिए क्या नीति निर्धारित की है; और

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकार इन नीतियों के अधीन किसानों को सुविधाएं प्रदान करती हैं और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) : (क) और (ख) गन्ने और